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The staff responsible for the original contacts made with radio operator and radio technician personnel has processed some five hundred applications and arrangements have been initiated to screen these who seem best qualified for the positions available. Additional clerical is being obtained to facilitate the handling of this load.

Attached, as Inclosure 1, is the Monthly Strongth Report showing total military and civilian personnel assigned to the Communications Division as of 31 August, 1946.

Operations. Top priority has been assigned to the recruitment and processing of Communications personnel for the Near East and for South America 25 XAA civilian radio operator has already departed for and a Diesel Engineer and the Acting Chief, Communications, Near East are schoduled to depart in mid-Soptembor. In addition, an officer has been assigned on Temporary Duty to arrange for the transfixia Acf 25X1An Army radio equipment presently located in and other points to SSU. The equipment, supplemonted by that shipped direct from Continental USA, is to be used for the radio network which is being established in the Near East by SSU for the use of the State Department. Since the deadline for the activation of the project in the Near East is 15 November, personnel reporting at the present time are being allocated to that area rather than to South America where the activation is scheduled for February.

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instructions and operating procedures have likewise been forwarded to overseas installations.

The Cipher Training School trained nine cryptographic clerks and three radio operators during the month of August and in addition provided special communications training to sixteen persons from various Foreign Branches, FSRO.

E. Message Center. As anticipated in our previous report,

transmission of SSU traffic to and from is now 25X1A

handled over Navy facilities. Final arrangements were

completed on 27 August and Navy procedure is now being
employed by both and Washington for all SSU traffic.

Initial indications are that transmission time will be somewhat faster via Navy facilities.

Total traffic handled by the Washington Message Center decreased from a total of 256,355 groups during the month of July to a total of 244,988 during the month of August. Attached, as Inclosure 2, is a chart showing total volume of traffic handled for the period 1-31 August.

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- F. Signal Procurement Control. Evory offort is being made to procure from Army and other sources Surplus Signal equipment for use by the Communications Division, either in Continental USA or overseas.
- G. Rosearch and Engineering. Special communications equipment has been built and provided for several FSRO projects.

II. EUROFEAN AREA

Complete reports have been received from Mr. Communications Officer, Europe, co25%1A all aspects of communications activities in Central Europe. is now inspecting all communications installations to survey personnel and equipment required and he has already investigated Message Center units from the sta25%1At of cryptographic security. At the SSU conference held in in July, Communications Officer contacted all of the mission chiefs, several of whom have taken advantage of the presence of a communications expert to make specific recommendations for requests relative to communications projects in their respective areas.

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The Communications Officer prepared a Staff Study for presentation to Chief of Staff, USFET, covering the establishment of a base in (This was the base originally planned for the (This was the base was received from Commanding General USFET on 20 August. At the present time possible sites for actual installation of the base radio station are being considered. A radio officer and four civilian radio operators reached during August to implement the project. Additional personnel and equipmen 25x6Anow being assembled in the United States for shipment to and the equipment of the previously assembled in Italy has now been transferred to for disposition.

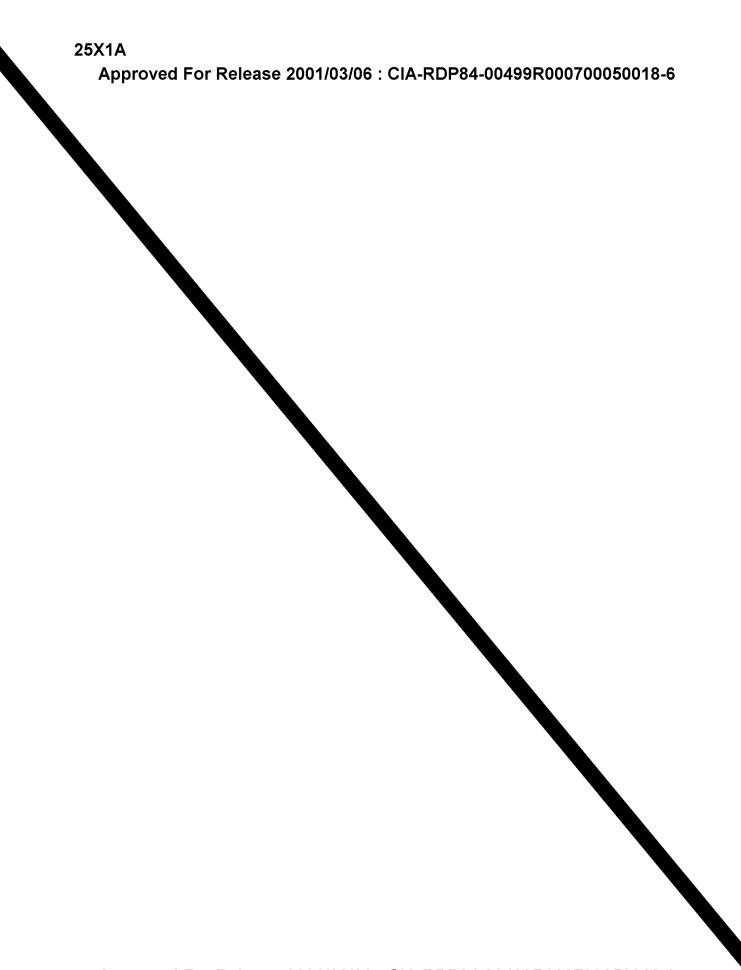
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The third communications clerk for the SSU station (requested 25% 1Ate July) has been trained and processed and will leave for during Septem 25% 1AAn additional cryptographic 25% 1A has been re25% 1Ad for and two replacement clerks for have been requested.

III. NEAR EAST

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The 5X1A is temporarily serving in the will remain pending the arrival of the newly-trained clerk from Washington. Final determination of the former's status will be made on a basis of a survey of communications requirements in that area.



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